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RESEARCH LABORATORIES IN TIGER RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Tiger reserves in the country and the total number of tigers, sanctuary-wise;

(b) the details of reserves having research laboratories/centres and the nature of research work being carried out in those laboratories/centres;

(c) whether the Government proposes to modernise the said research laboratories/centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure likely to be incurred reserve-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) There are 46 tiger reserves in the country, spread over in 18 States, encompassing a total area of 68518.8 sq.km. The country level tiger population, estimated once in every four years using the refined methodology, has shown an increasing trend with a population estimate of 1706, lower and upper limits being 1520 and 1909 respectively in the recent all India estimation (2010), as compared to the last country level estimation of 2006, with an estimate of 1411, lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. The State-wise details of tiger estimation for the year 2006 and 2010 are at Annexure-I.

(b), (c) & (d) The National Tiger Conservation Authority has not established any research laboratory / centre in tiger reserves. However, central assistance is provided for field oriented tiger research and monitoring vis-Ã -vis the guidelines of Project Tiger / National Tiger Conservation Authority on a reserve specific basis, besides collaborating with the Wildlife Institute of India.